The Westchester County Office for Women and the Office for People with Disabilities are working together to bring awareness of specialized services freeing the disabled community from abuse.

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PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

# Does your partner or caregiver:

- · Threaten to leave you or stop giving you care?
- · Threaten to put you in a nursing home?
- Leave you unattended?
- · Keep you away from friends and family?
- · Yell, scream or say insulting things about you and/or your disability?
- · Shove, slap, punch, bite, strangle or restrain
- Threaten to injure or kill your service animal or pets?

### Does your partner or caregiver denv **YOU access to:**

 Mobility devices – wheelchair, cane. walker, leg brace, etc.?

- Communication devices video. computer, phone, etc.?
- Medications?
- · Personal care assistance food, bathing, grooming and dressing?
- · Transportation to receive medical care?
- · Help get to a safe place away from the violence?

# What stops you from seeking help?

- · Not able to access services without assistance from your partner or caregiver?
- · Fear that speaking up will damage or end your relationship?
- Not feeling confident doing things without help from your partner or caregiver?

If you think you have been abused, or are just not sure, call and talk it over with someone who understands the needs of people with disabilities. The services offered help you develop a safety plan.

**Westchester County** Office for People with Disabilities (914) 995-2957 Monday - Friday • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. westchestergov.com/disabled

Westchester County Office for Women (914) 995-5972 / Spanish (914) 995-6581 Monday - Friday • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. westchestergov.com/women

Westchester Independent Living Center (914) 682-3926 Monday - Friday • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. wilc.org

**Westchester Disabled On the Move** (914) 968-4717 Monday - Friday • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. wdom.org

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#### VIOLENCE Coercion and Threats Intimidation Threaten to hurt the person: Raise a hand or use looks, withhold basic support & rights; actions or gestures terminate relations & leave to create fear. Destroy unattended. Use punishments property & abuse Caregiver to gain compliant behavior. pets. Mistreat service Privilege Pressure the person to **Emotional** animals. Display Treat the person as a Abuse engage in fraud or weapons. child or servant. Make Ridicule the person's other crimes. unilateral decisions, Provide culture, traditions, religion & care that accentuates dependency personal tastes, Implement & vulnerability. Deny the right to a negative reinforcement program privacy. Ignore, discourage or prohibit or any behavior program the **POWER** the exercise of full capabilities. person doesn't consent to. AND **Economic Abuse** CONTROL Isolation Make financial decisions based Control access to friends. on agency or family needs. Limit family, neighbors, case managers, access to financial information phone, TV & media. Limit Minimize, Withhold, & resources which results employment possibilities Misuse or **Justify** and inunnecessary because of caregiver **Delay Needed** Blame impoverishment. schedule. Support Deny or make light of Inappropriately use abuse, both physical & medication. Break or not emotional. Justify rules that use adaptive equipment & limit autonomy & dignity. Excuse communication devices. abuse as behavior management Withdraw care or equipment or caregiver stress. Blame

the disability for

the abuse.

to immobilize the

person.

